

The Enterprise Recorder wishes for each of its readers a merry, happy Christmas season.

William J. Bryan will deliver an address at the Tampa State Fair on February 4, and on the same day will lay the cornerstone of Tampa's \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building.

Christmas symbolizes the birth of Christ, the Savior of mankind. Is it proper to celebrate the birth of one so good and great by dissipation and riotous methods? Let us have a truly proper Christmas, without the usual accompaniment of wine drinking and carousal.

A committee of 50 leading citizens of Tampa has been appointed by President Brown of the Chamber of Commerce to have charge of the reception and entertainment of William J. Bryan when that distinguished gentleman visits Tampa in February.

The Manatee Record pertinently and pointedly says that "there is no question about it but that Florida's democracy will get a new brand of tariff. This way of fighting the tariff and then begging the Republicans for the same old products, not to give it to us, is a fake, pure and simple."

"Push and Smile" W. B. Powell has sold his excellent Independent at St. Petersburg and retired from the journalistic field. He must certainly feel good over the column of good things said of him by the citizens of St. Petersburg who seem to have awakened to the fact that they entertained in their midst a sure enough live wire, energetic, hard working newspaper man.

It is announced that Governor-elect Gilchrist has concluded to permit all the Broward appointees to serve out the full term for which they were appointed. This being true there will be no very juicy plums to drop before the latter part of Governor Gilchrist's term. Good for the office holders, but oh, so hard, on the army of those who were waiting for the new governor to take hold of the reins.

"Old Man" Joe Dixon has left the Pensacola Journal and gone back to his first love, the Live Oak Democrat. We are not much interested in where the "old man" is, particularly, just so long as he is in Florida and showing his "fine Italian hand" on some paper that reaches our exchange table. Without doubt, he is the smoothest, most graceful editorial writer in Florida to-day, and we wish him a merry Christmas and a long life of continued usefulness in his chosen field.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

More than nineteen hundred years ago the world received its first Christmas gift—a tiny babe, born of an humble mother in a lowly place—a stable. But with the birth of this babe came a wondrous accompaniment from Heaven. An angel appeared unto a band of Shepherds as they attended their flocks upon the hillside and proclaimed the birth of a Savior, and the angelic hosts filled the air with loud hosannas of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." In that hour was born the spirit of good cheer which has grown and expanded throughout all the nations of the earth with the passage of the centuries. And so it is that the blessed Christmas season has come to be recognized among christian people as a time of rejoicing, a time of giving, a time when for a season the cares and vexations of life are forgotten and all people unite in giving praise unto God for His priceless gift and in bringing happiness unto each other.

If you would really know the joy of the Christmas season, if you would truly enter into the Christmas spirit, strive to make happiness for others. Forget self in an effort to uplift and cheer someone less fortunate than yourself and in the joy which you bring to others you will find joy and happiness unlimited.

May every reader of this paper have the happiest, merriest Christmas ever known, and may each and everyone of us remember that we celebrate on this occasion the birth of Him who came to save "that which was lost."

The Birmingham (Ala.) Ledger in a recent statement gives some interesting facts in connection with the effect of prohibition in that large manufacturing center of the southland. The statement shows that the voting out of the 120 saloons in Birmingham has not killed business. While the revenue derived from the saloons formerly was \$117,000, which was lost when the saloons were abolished, a large saving by the city of money, the expenditure of which the presence of the saloon necessary, has equalized matters, so that no increase in taxation upon real and personal property in the city has been caused by the no-license regime. The decrease in crime since prohibition went into effect is 45 per cent. The decrease in the number of homicides and assaults to kill is 75 per cent. The decrease in the number of drunks in the city has been 70 per cent., while the decrease in the number of arrests, notwithstanding the enlargement of the city, has been 40 per cent. These and other facts which are from time to time published by the Birmingham Ledger and other Southern papers, are of such a nature that even "they who run may read."—Manatee Journal.

This office has received the biennial report of State Superintendent W. M. Holloway. It comprises 474 pages, not including the index, and is far and away the best report ever sent out from that department of State government. The Superintendent is to be congratulated upon the completeness of the report as well as having it published on time. The work also reflects great credit upon the State printer, it being very handsome typographically.

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We are prepared to supply all your needs from an up-to-date and well selected line of General

HARDWARE.

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Hon. W. B. Lamar announces that with the expiration of his term as Congressman he will retire from politics and for several years give his sole attention to looking after his finances. He will take a home in Washington reserving a winter home in Jefferson county. Mr. Lamar has been in the political life of Florida for a great many years and he has more than made good in every position in which the people of Florida have placed him. His thousands of friends throughout the State will rejoice to learn that his finances are of such magnitude as to demand his undivided attention, and hope that he will not remove his citizenship from our State.

A man that kicks his own town is about the same kind of man that kicks his wife. It don't cost anything to speak a good word for his town and a good word sometimes might mean several dollars for you, so let's always be ready to boost our town or let's leave town.—Calhoun Democrat. That's well put. So far as we know Madison is singularly free from town kickers, but in case there be any such we would remind them that about ten traits pass this way each day, and everyone of them is headed away from Madison.

Jefferson, Leon and Gadsden counties have each spoken for and secured space for an exhibit of their resources at the Jacksonville Fair-Exposition, and it is fair to presume that the exhibits which they place at this fair will be again exhibited at the State Fair to be held in Tampa later. Tobacco will form the chief exhibit of each of these counties, so we learn through the daily press. Surely Madison county cannot afford to permit this opportunity to go by to exhibit to the home-seeking people a sample of her resources. The time is ripe for attracting desirable settlers and we know of no method of inducing immigrants to come to us more certain than that of maintaining a first-class exhibit of our

products. Will not our people awake to the opportunity presented?

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Georgia & Florida Railway

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ARRIVALS

From Hazlehurst, Douglas, Nashville, Valdosta	11:40 a.m.
From Nashville and Valdosta	5:35 p.m.
From Nashville and Valdosta	6:10 p.m.

DEPARTURES

For Valdosta, Nashville, Douglas, Hazlehurst	2:25 p.m.
For Valdosta and Nashville	6:25 a.m.
For Valdosta and Nashville	6:10 a.m.

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B. F. MOSELEY,

Druggist.